

Druze demonstrate in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (R) — Several hundred Israeli Druze demonstrated Tuesday outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office demanding protection for their brethren in Lebanon against attacks by rightist militiamen. The 40,000-strong Druze community in Israel launched a campaign to help fellow sect members in the Lebanese highlands after several people were killed in clashes with Christian militiamen.

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Kohl holds talks with Thatcher

LONDON (R) — New West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl flew to London Tuesday night for a "getting to know you" dinner and talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. British officials said the two leaders got down straight away to discussions at the prime minister's official residence, 10 Downing Street. Officials saw their tête-à-tête as a curtain raiser for more substantive talks when Mrs. Thatcher visits Bonn on Oct. 28 and 29, part of a regular series between the two countries.

U.S., Egypt to hold military manoeuvres in July

CAIRO (R) — Joint military manoeuvres between Egyptian and American forces held over the past two years in autumn will next year take place in July, defence ministry sources said. The exercises, codenamed Brightstar, were designed to test the United States Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) ability to reach crisis areas quickly. It was formed by former President Carter after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The sources said the new date for the exercises was intended to give the RDF experience in desert warfare in summer.

Pakistan, China agree to renew ties with India

PEKING (R) — China and Pakistan agree that an improvement in both countries' relations with India would help peace and stability in south Asia. Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq said here Tuesday. He told a press conference after two days of talks with Chinese leaders that Peking appreciated Pakistan's initiative in proposing a non-aggression pact between Islamabad and New Delhi. China also wants better ties with New Delhi. The two nations have held two rounds of talks in the past year on their long-standing border dispute but a solution remains out of sight.

Israel decides to scrap El Al

TEL AVIV (R) — The board of directors of Israel's national airline El Al decided Tuesday night to liquidate the ailing company after employees voted only limited support for a drastic reorganisation plan. A spokesman for the board said the "conditional support expressed by the workers for the company's restructuring plan" was only a "delaying tactic which the board could not accept." The board voted to recommend to the government that the state-owned airline be closed down completely and sold to private interests, the spokesman added. Transportation Minister Haim Corfu said later he would transmit the board's decision to Prime Minister Menachem Begin Tuesday night.

Turkish minister leave for Tehran

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen left for Tehran Tuesday on a four-day official visit to Iran a ministry spokesman said. He said the visit was not within the framework of the peace efforts by the Islamic conference organisation to put an end to the Gulf war. Talks will centre on bilateral issues like transport, economic cooperation and border trade, he said.

Polish civilian aircraft lands in Sweden

MALMOE, Sweden (R) — A Polish civilian aircraft with about 20 people on board landed unexpectedly at the airport of this southern Swedish town Tuesday night, airport officials said. There was no question of a hijacking, they added. No further details were immediately available.

Crown Prince receives Bangladeshi delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received at his office on Tuesday Bangladeshi Labour and Manpower Minister K.M. Aminul Islam, who is currently visiting Jordan.

They discussed the various aspects of cooperation between Jordan and Bangladesh, particularly in the economic field. The meeting was attended by Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Ahmad Obaidat discussed with the visiting Bangladeshi delegation headed by Mr. K.M. Aminul Islam ways of strengthening cooperation between the two countries in the Labour domain.

The meeting was attended by Interior Ministry Under-Secretary Ahmad Al Aqayleh.

Arafat: Federal unity is feasible after independence

DOHA (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Leader Yasser Arafat, who had talks Tuesday with leaders in the Gulf state of Qatar, has said a "unitary relationship" between Palestinians and Jordan was feasible only if the Palestinians got an independent state.

Mr. Arafat told a rally in Kuwait Monday night that a federal unity modelled on the Iraq-Jordan union of 1958 would be feasible if the Palestinians "get their independence and agree to this form of unity" and the two states were considered equal.

Dutch liberals, democrats agree to set up coalition

THE HAGUE (R) — Leaders of the Netherlands' two main centre-right parties have reached basic agreement on setting up a coalition government, political sources said Tuesday.

The coalition between the Christian Democrats (CDA) and Liberals will pursue a policy of tough spending cuts and is also likely to approve the placing of NATO cruise missiles on Dutch soil, politicians said.

The coalition agreement will now have to be presented to the two parliamentary parties for approval. If they agree, the government is likely to be sworn in at the end of this week or early next week, the sources said.

But some matters still have to be settled, including the detailed allocation of ministerial seats between the parties.

The coalition is likely to be headed by Ruud Lubbers, who became the new leader of the CDA last week after the sudden resignation of Driex Van Agt, prime minister since 1977.

The Centrist Democrats Party will be asked if it wants to join the.

Genscher asks for positive approach in Madrid meeting

BONN (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has written to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to press for a constructive Western approach when the European Security Conference resumes in Madrid next month, informed sources said.

Both parties believe the Netherlands should accept 48 United States cruise missiles as a counter to Soviet rockets if East-West arms reduction talks fail.

They said the letter set out Bonn's arguments for an early and positive conclusion to the conference, suspended in February in acrimony over the imposition of martial law in Poland and due to reopen on Nov. 9.

West European diplomats say they fear the Reagan administration may use the Madrid meeting only as a fresh chance to lash the Soviet Union over events in Poland and not as an opportunity to promote disarmament in Europe.

Diplomatic sources said Bonn believed that while it was legitimate to criticise the Soviet bloc's human rights record in Madrid, this should not obstruct agreement on a mandate for a European disarmament conference.

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The sources said Bonn still regards the European security process as of vital importance, despite deep scepticism in Washington.

Somalia praises Jordanian stand

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received on Tuesday a letter from Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre dealing with the continuous Ethiopian aggression on Somalia.

The letter also expressed the appreciation of the Somali president and people for the Jordanian stand supporting the Somali people as expressed by King Hussein during the convening of the Arab Summit conference in Fez.

President Barre affirmed in his letter that his country is committed to the implementation of the Fez Summit resolutions to support the Palestinian issue and to defend the issues of the Arab Nation.

The Bangladeshi minister expressed his country's preparedness to supply Jordan with part of Jordan's manpower needs.

Iraq to assist NRA in oil exploration

AMMAN (J.T.) — Natural Resources Authority (NRA) has reached an agreement with Iraqi National Oil Company according to which the latter will render technical expertise for oil exploration in Jordan and participate in implementation of the NRA shale projects.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran has recently announced at the National Consultative Council (NCC) that there are encouraging signs for finding oil in Jordan.

Zua'ytar replaces Rimawi

AMMAN (J.T.) — A royal decree has been issued appointing former Foreign Minister Akram Zua'ytar as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Jerusalem.

The post became vacant with the death of Dr. Qasim Al Rimawi on April 29, 1982.

3-man Israeli commission for Beirut massacre holds first private sitting

TEL AVIV (R) — The three-man commission investigating Israel's role in the Beirut massacre of Palestinians held its first sitting Tuesday in private on the heavily-guarded campus of Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

The inquiry, whose findings could decide the fate of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government, opened in a former English Literature classroom within sight of the Knesset (parliament).

No formal announcement was made. No witnesses were called to the first session, which was understood to have discussed how the investigation would be conducted.

The commission, headed by Chief Justice Yitzhak Kahan, was set up after Mr. Begin yielded to widespread public pressure for a full inquiry into the massacre.

Hundreds of Palestinian civilians were killed last month by Lebanese militiamen in Beirut's Sabra and Shatila camps. The exact death toll is unknown.

But Mr. Stenbaek said both countries still wanted a substantial final document and not just a brief declaration that would effectively put the whole European security process on ice.

Diplomatic sources said some neutral and non-aligned states were working on a "last fall-back position" to avoid a complete failure of the Madrid meeting.

Under this proposal, the conference would set up an expert commission to study ways of reviving the process started by the 1975 Helsinki accords on security and cooperation in Europe.

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U.S. president meets Lebanese president in the White House

Reagan pledges to back Lebanon

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan publicly pledged support for Lebanon's sovereignty Tuesday after talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel focussing on withdrawing all foreign troops from the country.

In a statement following formal talks at the White House, Mr. Reagan said: "I reaffirmed United States support for the sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity and freedom of Lebanon."

Mr. Gemayel stated that the United States was the "indispensable ingredient" in bringing peace to the Middle East.

He said Mr. Reagan's Sept. 1 proposal for Palestinian self-rule in association with Jordan had

created an unprecedented opportunity for peace.

Mr. Gemayel, who had made an impassioned appeal for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon at the United Nations Monday, said his people were committed to remove all foreign forces from Lebanon.

U.S. officials said a team of military experts had returned from a mission to evaluate Lebanese army needs in taking control of the

entire country.

The United States has given Lebanon about \$105 million in economic and relief aid since the Israeli invasion in June and is seeking international support for reconstruction. The cost of this is estimated at between \$10 and \$15 billion and the programme is being coordinated by the World Bank.

Later Mr. Gemayel was to have talks with Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Foreign forces whose withdrawal is sought do not include the peacekeeping force of U.S., French and Italian troops in the country at the request of the Lebanese government.

The officials said Tuesday's

talks were an important step forward in consultations that started here with the visit of Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week.

Mr. Shamir ruled out any role for U.N. or other multinational forces in policing a security zone that Israel wants in southern Lebanon. He said his country wanted the Lebanese army to do the job in cooperation with Israel and with the involvement of its ally, Christian militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad.

Washington continues to say that using the U.N. force in Lebanon is "very much an option."

Mr. Gemayel was to talk with World Bank President Tuesday before leaving Tuesday night for Paris and Rome on his way home.

Iraq says 163 Iranians killed

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Tuesday night its forces killed 163 Iranian troops in battles Monday night and Tuesday morning in the central sector of the Gulf war front forcing the Iranians to retreat.

Iraqi fighter planes also raided Iranian positions in the southern sector Tuesday scoring direct hits.

Iraqi artillery shelled the towns of Mandali, Khanqin and Zurbia killing a child and wounding her brother, it said. Some houses were also damaged.

Meanwhile Tehran Radio reported Tuesday Iranian forces killed 120 Iraqis.

The radio, monitored in London, said one tank was knocked out, two ammunition depots set alight and 25 bunkers were destroyed in the operation.

The radio said all Iraqis involved in the attack had returned to their base.

It also said that artillery duels continued between Iraqi and Iranian forces in the central sector of the Gulf war front over the past 24 hours.

Suez Canal earns \$730 m

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — The Suez Canal earned \$730 million in tolls from ships using the international gateway in the past nine months, a canal authority spokesman said Tuesday.

Mashour Ahmed Mashour, the canal authority chairman, was due

to leave later Tuesday for talks in London with shipping organisations and Lloyd's insurance experts on canal tolls and insurance charges.

Mr. Mashour last year announced an average five per cent increase in transit tolls.

Cost of Israeli planned canal doubles estimate

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's planned Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal, which has angered the Arab world, would probably cost double the original estimate, Israeli officials said Tuesday.

One of the most ambitious projects in Israel's history, it is expected to take nine years to complete. The starting date has not been fixed.

Engineers say the canal would pay for itself within a few decades through cheap electricity generated by water tumbling down to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.

Poland says no big protests organised after banning Solidarity

WARSAW (R) — Poland's government spokesman said Tuesday that last week's disturbances after the banning of the Solidarity trade union showed the underground opposition was unable to organise protests on a large scale.

Spokesman Jerzy Urban spoke at a press conference as the authorities set up special security precautions in Nowa Huta, the steel-making suburb of Krakow, for Wednesday's funeral of a worker shot by police in clashes there last Wednesday.

Mr. Urban said the strikes and fierce street battles in Nowa Huta and the Baltic port of Gdansk showed there were opposition figures who refused to give up their struggle.

But he said the disturbances also showed that "they do not have the strength to organise strikes and demonstrations on a large scale."

Underground sources said the European security process as of vital importance, despite deep scepticism in Washington.

said the funeral of Bogdan Wlosik, killed by a plainclothes policeman near the suburb's main church, would take place in the Grobala cemetery, three kilometres from the town centre at 4:30 a.m.

"We want our son buried in peace," the sources quoted the parents saying.

Funerals for other victims of street battles in Wroclaw and the nearby city of Lubin last month were attended by thousands of people but passed off without incident.

A small bunch of flowers lay Tuesday under a black-rimmed death notice for Wlosik pasted to a church wall. But police prevented people rebuilding a makeshift street memorial for the dead man put up last week at the place where he was shot. It had been removed by the authorities.

The authorities have taken an increasingly hard line against demonstrators and the courts have handed down heavy punishments against them.

Official sources in Nowa Huta

overthrew the state force, were "prepared for their role by Western intelligence and subversion centres."

Glemp to meet Pope

Poland's Roman Catholic Primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, will travel to Rome on Monday for talks with Pope John Paul, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

There was no immediate confirmation by church officials. A spokesman at the archbishop's palace would say only: "I have not been authorised to divulge any information on that subject at this time."

The government announced followed cancellation of the archbishop's planned attendance at the Rome canonisation of a Polish priest nine days ago. He called that off due to concern about the situation in Poland after the banning of the free trade union Solidarity.

Theatre in Jordan reassessed after two decades of development

By Aifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — After more than two decades of gradual development, the theatre in Jordan is expected to make another leap forward in the coming few years, according to Mr. Salah Abu Hunood, the recently re-elected president of the Amman Theatre Association. He told the Jordan Times in an interview here that the focal point of dramatic activity in Jordan will be the development of local playwrights' works and the promotion of children's theatre.

A nation's expressions of thoughts and feelings are usually conveyed in the most effective way through the different branches of liberal arts. They are imparted through poems, prose writings, paintings, music and theatre.

Theatre however, is a shared living, a two-sided communication, and above all a kaleidoscope in which civilization is reflected in a better perspective. It is a scope of activity sustaining characters of a certain nation in real life," Mr. Abu Hunood, the prominent actor said.

The birth of the theatre in Jordan started in the second decade of this century. It was ignited by the social and religious rituals presented in weddings, and ceremonies where youth and children swarmed in those occasions, participating in dramatic performances over the years.

"During the period 1918-1965 theatre in Jordan was limited to the works of the amateurs in clubs, convents and schools. Theatre activities were abundantly held on school graduations and feast ceremonies, as well as on national and patriotic occasions," he stated.

At the outset of this journey, theatre was not regarded as a formal activity in the Kingdom. The theatre reached its peak when the late Abd Al-Hamid Sharaf, then minister of information, started to assist the artistic groups throughout Jordan. Due to this dramatic change in the early sixties, it was decided to formally embrace the theatre under the auspices of the Ministry of Information.

Usrat Al-Masrah

"In 1965 the group of people who took interest in theatre, led by Mr. Hani Snobar, a Jordanian-U.S. graduate and a theatre director, formed the so-called Usrat Al-Masrah—theatre enthusiasts.

As an outcome of the theatre enthusiasm and progression, the Department of Culture and Art was established and sponsored Usrat Al-Masrah.

The theatre depended during that period of time on translated foreign plays, most of which were European, such as Oscar Wilde's

and Bernard Shaw's plays. "The plays were performed in cinema houses and most of the time in the British and American Cultural Centres," he declared.

The establishment of the University of Jordan as an intellectual and cultural centre in the sixties lead to the development of the interest in theatre through the activities of the students enrolled in the faculty of art. University theatre presented many sketches and plays on social problems at that time. "Parallel to Usrat Al-Masrah, students of the University of Jordan with the help of their art professors and Mr. Snobar's supervision began to form their own



Mr. Abu Hunood, president of Amman Theatre Association

group for theatre." Mr. Abu Hunood explained.

The competition among the new faculties in the university added to the progress and prosperity of the theatre in Jordan. Mr. Abu Hunood, however, commented that the theatre faced many shortcomings in that period of time due to the limited number of halls for performances as well as to the flows and ebb of the community and official interest in the theatre sector. Nevertheless, the first stage of the formal theatre in Jordan was characterised by a flurry of local manuscripts. Jordanian writers oriented their minds and writings to domestic needs. The prominent actor certified that Al-Jarad (the Grasshoppers) and Al-Miftah (the key) are examples of two local plays which were written in the late sixties by one of the best Jordanian authors, Mr. Jamal Ahdman, and were presented on stage in Jordan and outside Jordan in the early seventies. "Fifty-eight plays were presented by Usrat Al-Masrah and university theatre amateurs by the end of the first decade," Mr. Abu-Hunood said.

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tinue on the theatre handled by local writers: the proposed manuscripts should be all local. The drama theatre is to be taken in the first place for it would deal with the various social problems and therefore would attract the people's attention. We are going to focus on children theatre as well. Its purpose is to accustom children with the need for theatre in our society for they are the generation to come and take over," Mr. Abu Hunood optimistically told the Jordan Times.

Promoting theatre is not an easy task and it cannot happen in a fortnight. "The betterment of theatre actually depends on two main factors. It depends on the genuine interest of the theatrical artists themselves and the encouragement and the appreciation of the community as well," the president concluded.

During this successful era, educated Arab and Jordanian writers concentrated on Arab themes and elaborated on related topics. The significance of the second stage of the formal theatre in Jordan was the start of the focussed attention on children theatre and the great number of plays presented by the private sector.

"By the end of the second decade the number of plays presented by Usrat Al-Masrah, students of both universities, private sector theatre amateur, and children theatre, totalled 205 plays," Mr. Abu-Hunood said.

Two kinds of audiences developed during that era. An audience that was in favour of the local plays and Usrat Al-Masrah and another that preferred other theatre groups coming from abroad and presenting their plays in Jordan. "Community appreciation for theatre is a very essential factor in promoting the activity of theatre. The more they appreciate the more they demand," the president stated.

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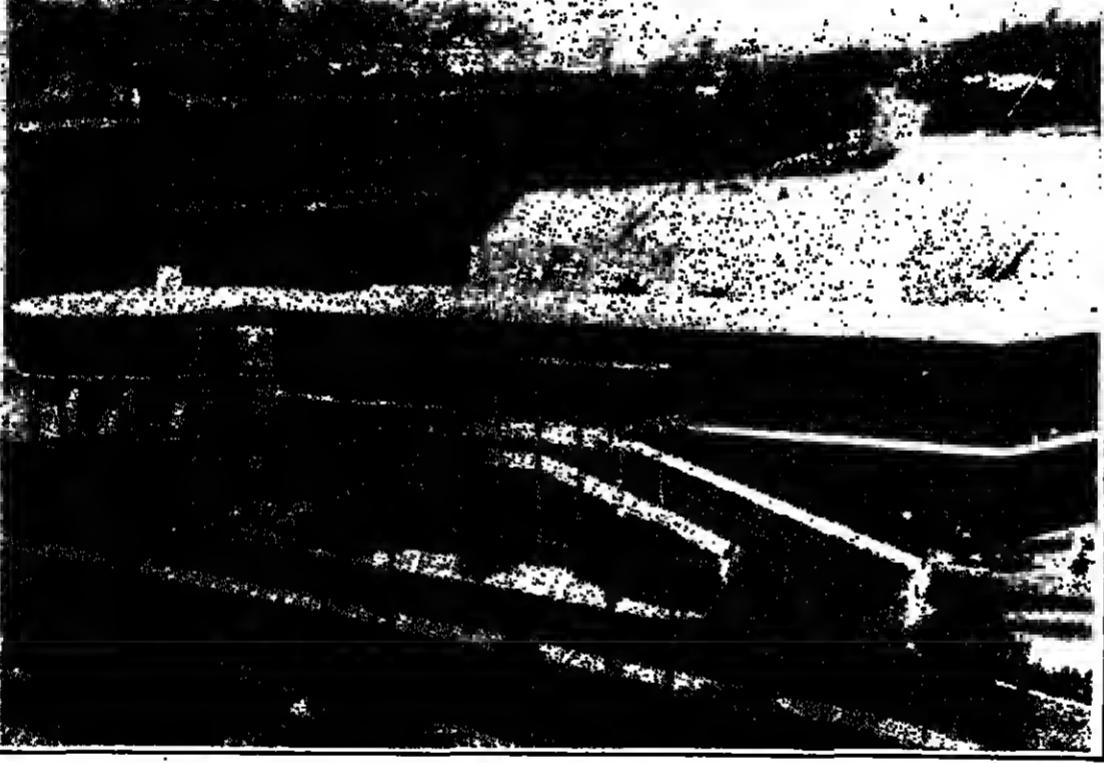
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The income of the plays is given to the different needy associations, institutions, societies and centres in Jordan.

"During the past four years our minimum profit was JD 250, and our maximum was JD 450," Mrs. Ephgrave said. The first play in production for this season is called Relatively Speaking to be performed on Dec. 8. It is a comedy and the profit of this play will be given to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. "Because there will be only four people in the cast, we plan to have a variety show on Dec. 15 and 16 at the Haya Arts Centre," Mrs. Ephgrave told the Jordan Times.

Mrs. Ephgrave concluded that they look forward to any new member who wishes to join the Amman Players, either in an acting capacity or technically behind the stage. Interested people may contact her at 663657.



The Royal Cultural Centre built in 1970 to promote theatre activity

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MAIN CHANNEL
17:30 Koran
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18:10 Treasure Island
18:30 Puppet Show
19:00 Candid Camera - Local Programme
19:25 Local Programme on Development
20:00 News, in Arabic
20:30 Arabic Series
21:15 Wise Poets
23:10 News in Arabic

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835 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM & partly on 9560 KHz, SW
07:00 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:45 Morning Show
12:00 News Summary
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14:00 News Summary
14:40 Pop Session
14:40 News Bulletin
14:40 Instrumentals
14:40 New Music
14:40 Concert Hour
14:40 News Summary
14:45 Instrumentals, Old Favourites
17:00 Talking Points, Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:05 Over a Cup of Tea, Arabian Music
19:00 Newsdesk
19:30 Date with a Star
20:00 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
21:05 Evening Show
22:00 News Summary
23:00 News Headlines

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

FILMS

* Godfather Part II at 3:00 p.m. and Rocky at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

EXHIBITIONS

* Alechinsky exhibition, at the French Cultural Centre.

* The work of six major French photographers, at the French Cultural Centre.

* Masks, at the French Cultural Centre.

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Amman Municipal Library 36111

University of Jordan Library 84355

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qaa'a (Cindel Hill).

Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries.

feature a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Chamber of Industry honours outstanding exporters

Hassan calls for re-evaluation of economic trend in Jordan

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN.—His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Monday that the circumstances imposed by the general stagnation in world economy as well as circumstances in the Middle East are calling for a re-evaluation of the economic thinking in Jordan, particularly in relation to industrial production.

Addressing some 250 people at a dinner banquet given by the Amman Chamber of Industry Monday evening to honour outstanding exporters, Prince Hassan said that one point that needed further study was the value of the country's imports as against its exports. He pointed out that exports worth JD 169 million for 1981 were being celebrated, but that imports for the same year had totalled JD 1,087 million.

A study on the marketing and consumption of imported goods could prove to be beneficial and could lead to increasing incentives for local industries to further improve their production, the Crown Prince said.

He called on Jordan's private and public industrial sectors and the institutions representing and linking them to bear in mind several important issues.

These issues include Jordan's geographic location which enables it to act as a transit point for goods for neighbouring countries, and channels to funnel the considerable remittances from Jordanian expatriate citizens to creative investment projects.

It is essential, he said, to use these remittances in developing rural areas and speeding up the development of an infra-structure in the outlaying parts of the country.

Another concept deserving consideration was the establishment of a commercial free zone, the Prince said.

Socio-economic development

The Prince suggested that socio-economic development in Jordan he planned and carried out with reference to complementing such development in neighbouring Arab countries. He pointed out that southern Jordan and the northern part of Saudi Arabia have much in common and would therefore qualify for congruent development.

Prince Hassan also hoped that individualised institutional considerations would completely give way to a comprehensive logic and modes of operation.

"Such a comprehensive outlook is the qualitative leap forward required by our economy," he said.

The present delicate circumstances through which the region and world economy are passing also require that past experiences gained in economic planning during the past decade be taken into consideration, the Prince said.

"Objective recommendations and solutions proposed in the present five-year development plan were not a curative balm for all our problems, but nevertheless remained the valuable product of joint contributions and serious deliberations" on the part of experienced Jordanian economists in the industrial and commercial sectors, he said. The main thing to be borne in mind, he added, was that "creative, dynamic thought" was the most suitable basis for re-orientation.

Expanded markets

Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour had earlier made a speech pointing out that the expansion and development of Jordan's industrial sector depended on entering as many new markets as possible. With the export of phosphate fertilisers and potash products to new world markets, Jordan would be entering new "non-conventional" export markets over the coming year, he said.

Mr. Asfour said that the Ministry of Industry and Trade had recognised that the present Encouragement of Investment Law had become outdated and contained merely materialistic incentives in the exemptions it provided. The ministry has therefore prepared a new draft law for the encouragement of investment that would also provide for "human incentives", he said.

Under the new draft law, educational institutions, hospitals and instalments paid by employees for housing purposes would also enjoy exemptions, he pointed out. The new law will also provide new and additional incentives for development projects in outlaying rural areas. Amman Chamber of

Industry President Bandar Tabba' also gave a speech outlining the achievements of the Chamber since its establishment 20 years ago.

Incentives

Director General of the Chamber Ali Dajani spoke on Jordan's industrial sector, which he said, had assumed primacy in the production sector, thanks to the encouragement of individual incentives by the country's economic system. But he also pointed to the problems besetting the industrial sector—problems of maintaining a steady pace with the most up-to-date techniques of industrialisation, marketing and export problems and price controls on locally manufactured products that do not apply to similar exported products.

He pointed out that Jordan had exported JD 169 million worth of products in 1981. The 48 manufacturing companies being honoured at Monday's ceremony, he said, had exported a total of JD 52 million during 1981 comprising 30 per cent of exports for that year. This figure, he said, excluded the exports of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, which came to JD 55 million in 1981.

Mr. Dajani expressed the hope that more industries would export their products next year, and that processed agricultural products would also be included in future considerations for honouring exporters.

48 firms honoured

The Crown Prince then handed awards to representatives of 13 companies whose exports had exceeded JD 1 million during 1981 and had also exceeded their

own exports in 1980.

The following are the companies honoured: Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette Company; Elha House Company; Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company; Elha Company; Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Company; Jordan Plastics Company; Jordan Timber Industries Company; Jordan Paper and Cardboard Company; Technical Plastics Industries Company; Jordan Textiles Plants Company; Jordan Foodstuffs Company; Modern Chemicals Company (China);

Nugul Brothers. The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company also received an award because its exports for 1981 totalled JD 55 million as compared to JD 48 million in 1980.

Another 35 companies received certificates of merit for their performance in exports for 1981 exceeding their exports for the previous year. They did not, however, qualify for awards because their exports for 1981 did not amount to JD 1 million.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Amman Chamber of Industry, medals were also awarded to members who had served on the chamber's board of directors for a minimum of one term.

Prince Hassan accepted a gold-plated plaque on behalf of His Majesty King Hussein and another for himself from the Amman Chamber of Industry in appreciation of their encouragement of the industrial sector over the years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aqaba awards new market tender

AQABA (Petra)—The Aqaba Municipality Tuesday awarded a tender for establishing a commercial market in the city at a cost of JD 700,000. The Arab Cities Organisation (ACO) has granted the municipality a loan of 200,000 Kuwaiti dinars and the municipality borrowed the remaining sum from the Cities and Villages Development Bank.

Invitations go out for Taiwan Trade Fair

AMMAN (Petra)—The Amman Chamber of Commerce has notified its members of an invitation extended to attend the Taiwan Trade Fair for the Middle East which will be organised in Amman on Nov. 9. The chamber has also received an invitation to attend the Cyprus International Fair which is to be held in Nicosia in May 1983.

NRA completes work on 38 water springs

AMMAN (Petra)—The Irrigation Directorate at the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) has completed the development and maintenance of 38 water springs in various governorates and districts, it was announced Monday. Another 14 springs are currently being developed in other parts of the country. The aim of the step is to prevent pollution of water springs and to protect their sources as well as to increase their production for drinking and irrigation purposes.

New mosques opened in Zarqa

ZARQA (Petra)—Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif opened Tuesday six new mosques in Zarqa District to mark the anniversary of the Muslim New Year, Hijra. Mr. Sharif also visited the sites of seven other mosques currently under construction in the district at a cost of JD 250,000.

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Crown Prince receives Indian banking team

AMMAN (J.T.)—His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received Monday evening Chairman of the State Bank of India P.C.D. Namhni and his delegation, currently visiting Jordan.

Prince Hassan discussed with the guest delegation aspects of cooperation between Jordan and India in banking and the prospects of increasing the exchange of expertise and cooperation in addition to ways of strengthening economic cooperation among the developing countries.

Mr. Namhni and his delegation will leave Jordan Oct. 21.

Cabinet approves director board of training institute

AMMAN (Petra)—The cabinet Tuesday approved the formation of the board of directors of the new Vocational Training Institute.

They are: Labur Minister Jawad Al Anani (chairman), Director-General Institute Munir Al Masri (vice-chairman), Taysir Abdul Jaber (the Ministry of Labour), Izzat Jaradat (the Ministry of Education), Issa Al Khathib (the Ministry of Public Works), Salim Al Ghawi (the National Planning Council), Rabhi Hamid (the Engineers Association), Abbas Al Nahsli (the Amman Chamber of Industry), and Ali Bani Hanu and Subhi Al Qutub as representatives of the private sector.

Majali meets Nice University chief

AMMAN (Petra)—University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali discussed Tuesday with the visiting president of the University of Nice in France ways of strengthening cooperation between the two universities in educational affairs.

Dr. Majali explained to the



Prime Minister Mudar Badran (foreground) Tuesday tours various sections of the Arab Potash Company plant at Ghor Al Safi (Petra photo)

Excessive truckloads are damaging Amman-Aqaba road

AMMAN (Petra)—Public Works Minister Awni Al Masri

said Monday that trucks are carrying loads beyond their capacity in transporting phosphates to Aqaba. Some 2.5 million tonnes of phosphates were transported in 1981 by 77,965 trucks, an average of 5,500 tonnes per day transported by 214 trucks which proves that these trucks have carried loads beyond what they are licensed to carry, he said.

The study also showed the damage equals losses sustained on similar roads in 20 years.

The prime minister expressed the hope that the project other than the extraction of potash from the Dead Sea would be completed in the near future.

The chairman of the board of directors and general manager of the Arab Potash Company Ali Al Khasawneh made a speech explaining that the company has already made contracts to market its products for the next five years with a Japanese company. He said that 600,000 tonnes of potash will be sold in markets of Asia, New Zealand and Australia. The company has also made a contract with

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani affirmed in an opening speech at the seminar the need for paying attention to rural women since they are working side by side with men in agriculture and pointed out the significance of developing women resources and skills in the health, culture and social affairs.

Festival to honour disabled and aged

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A ceremony to honour the aged in celebration of the International Year of the Aged on the occasion of United Nations Day will be held on Oct. 24 at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel here. The international festival will be held under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor and will be sponsored by the management of the hotel.

The United Nations, embassies and consultates in Jordan have been invited to participate and wives of ambassadors and consuls

or their representatives will present their own national dress, one typical national dish and display items of their customs, the Amman Intercontinental's Public Relations Manager, Miss Lucie Aslou, told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

All proceeds of the festival (an entrance fee of JD 5 will be charged for each participant) will be distributed among three old people's homes in the Kingdom, Miss Aslou said.

She added that the Ministry of Social Development will take charge of distributing the proceeds among Dat Al Salam and Al Aslou.

Al Baidha' homes for the aged and the Princess Muna Home for the Disabled and the Aged.

To increase the proceeds there will also be a lottery draw. Gifts for the lottery, ranging from free airline tickets to house plants will be donated by some companies and airlines in Jordan.

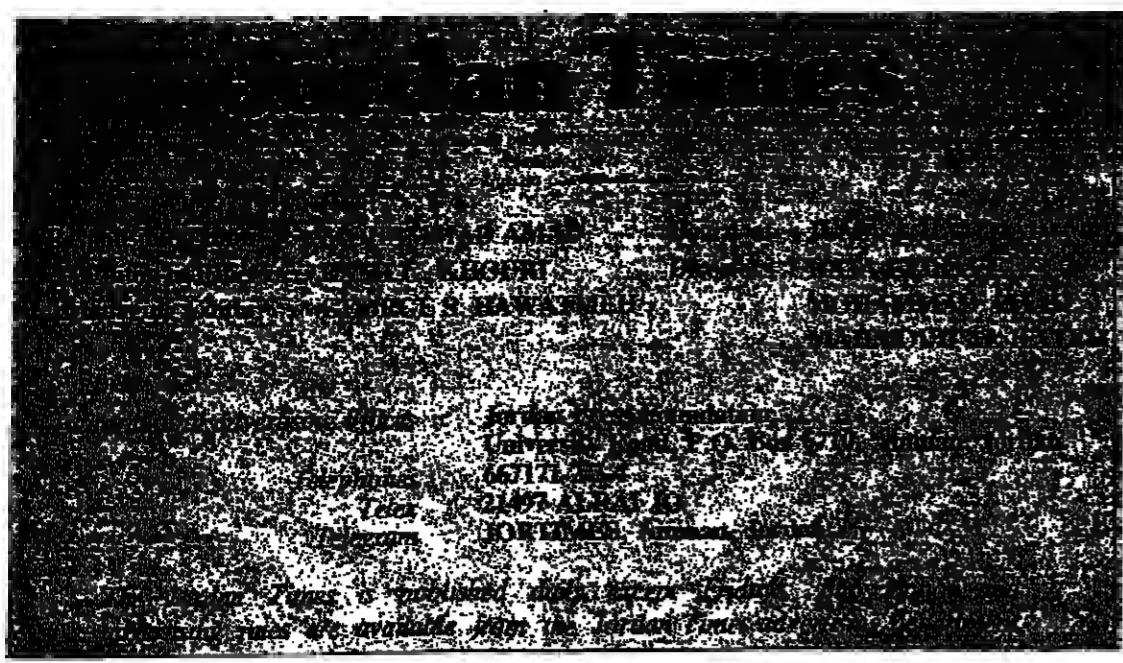
Miss Aslou said that five old men and women from each of the three houses for the aged will be invited to participate in the festival.

Tickets are available at the Intercontinental Hotel's Public Relations Department, and the festival will start at 5 p.m. on Sunday.



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Remember Universality?

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If Universality is so important a principle, in American eyes, we would like to hear from senior American officials why it is that America itself does not find itself able to apply its own principles universally and fairly and consistently around the world? It is difficult to take seriously the false lessons in morality of a superpower who pleads in the name of Universality in one breath, and in the next breath

supports, finances, protects and generally outwears the extreme actions of an Israeli client state whose very existence is based not on the principle of Universality, but rather on the antithesis of that principle—exclusivity. It is hard to take seriously the false arguments of a superpower that argues for Universality for Israel, but allows Israeli political pressures within the United States to develop a foreign policy whose hallmark is the exclusio of Israel from having to adhere to the fine principles of American life and government and foreign policy-making that are otherwise universally applied throughout the world. We smell a fake.

We smell weakness running through the bones of senior American officials—weakness they are trying to cover up by appealing to our higher instincts and telling us all about Universality, which sounds to us more like boloney—good old fashioned American political boloney.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Begin vs the Jordanian-Palestinian unity

Opening the Knesset (Israeli parliament) winter session, Israeli Prime Minister Begin took the Jordanian-Palestinian integration as the main target for his attack on the Arabs. The unity of the two peoples in the two banks of the Jordan which took place in the early fifties was attacked as a measure that Israel has never acknowledged. The present drive for assessing the future relationship between the two peoples, within a federation or a confederation, on the way to peace in the region does not seem to meet the Israeli premier's linking. Self-rule for the "Arab minority living in the land of Israel" is the only concept he seems to endorse regarding the Palestinian rights.

The Jordanian-Palestinian unity is considered by Begin as a major obstacle in the tireless Zionist effort to liquidate the Palestinian problem, and deal with it as a minority problem.

Hence, the Arab negative attitude towards a future Jordanian-Palestinian relationship cannot stand to reason.

Al Dustour: Israeli intentions should be clear to all

The announcement made by Israeli Prime Minister Begin Monday reiterates Israeli trends to maintain aggressive policies, expansion and rejection of all kinds of peace proposals for the region.

The U.S. and all concerned superpowers are invariably addressed by Begin's declarations of disinterest in the U.S. peace initiative for the Middle East, not to mention the Arab peace plan.

The West Bank and Gaza, according to Begin, are Israeli territories, on which some Arab minority lives, regardless of all the U.N. resolutions, international laws and norms, and, last but not least, President Reagan's initiative. The concept of the inadmissibility of acquiring other people's land by force, emphasised by all decisions concerning the Middle East, particularly U.N. Resolution 242, on which the U.S. proposals are based, seems to interest the Israeli prime minister

no more than President Reagan's initiative.

The methodical changing of the demographic and geographical status of the occupied territories to create a favourable status quo for Zionist plans is ironically manipulated for demagogic capitalisation on new facts created by the occupation. Yet, such a fact is, on the other hand, a good-enough incentive to further strengthen Jordanian-Palestinian unity to face Israel's persistent effort to create new realities and further complicate the situation in the occupied territories, as well as in the region.

It is in the first place a joint Jordanian-Palestinian responsibility to coordinate action on how to confront Israeli steps aimed at the evacuation of the Palestinian living in the occupied territories, and the concentration of settlements on confiscated Arab lands.

SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

Research in transportation is badly needed

DESPISE THE so-called nil glut, said to be prevailing at present in the world market, the provision of energy will remain a major worry for the scientists. The field of transportation is so influenced by the energy dilemma that the whole spectrum of the transportation media is being re-evaluated in order to produce more efficient and fuel-saving vehicles as well as develop new designs and means for land, air and sea transportation.

The suitability of any transportation medium for a certain use is closely connected with the cost and time factor involved. A breakdown of the components of the cost and the time reveals many interesting phenomena. In fact, one may end up judging the suitability

of criteria which are not directly related to the vehicle or its efficiency. These criteria include the labour, such as drivers or pilots, roads, stations, airports, seaports and other facilities needed by the utilisation of a specific vehicle. In many cases, the cost and time involved in the accessory facilities far outweigh the effects of those of the vehicle itself.

In Jordan, the passenger and cargo transportation media are being utilised without proper coordination or economic sense. The situation cannot be cured unless a detailed study is undertaken to investigate the costs incurred to the individuals and to the national economy by every means of transportation. The study should take into account the

cost of the vehicles, labour training, construction of roads and ports, energy demands, projected usage, anticipated developments, and alternative methods of communications whenever feasible.

The transportation sector in Jordan enters within the scope of work of many public and private establishment. Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airlines, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Aqaba Port Corporation, the National Sealines Company, the Railroads Corporation, the General Transportation Corporation, the Ministry of Public Works, the municipalities and the Jordan Petroleum Company are some of the organisations involved in the transportation problems, in addition to the private sector

businesses.

The holding of a national conference on transportation is strongly recommended. The conference could be organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport, and could deal with many topics related to the coordination amongst the various media, the working out of a joint operation plan, and the planning of future networks. A permanent standing committee to supervise future coordination could also be set up.

Some transportation systems have been developed at the expense of curtailing the use of others in many countries. The reasons behind the adopted policy have not always been purely economic or technical, but have had their roots in politi-

cal and social background.

For instance, the use of rail systems has been subdued in the United States for some decades due to the favour won by road networks, automobiles and aeroplanes, and the marketing of oil products. The situation is expected to change soon in view of the experience of some European countries and Japan where the development of super-fast trains has been successful. But whatever the experience of the other countries may have led in, Jordanian authorities should be able to perform their own studies on the local and regional transportation conditions, and subsequently take the necessary measures as deemed commensurate with the country's needs.

Every party wants to restore stability, but on its own terms

Amin Gemayel having difficult negotiations with Falangist

By Paul Eedle
Reuters

BEIRUT — After years of war, Lebanon's new government is counting on American support to give it a fighting chance of restoring stability.

In a turbulent few weeks scoured by the assassination of a leader and a bloody massacre, the country has been rescued from the grip of war and given a chance to renew itself.

Whether it succeeds or slips back into chaos depends on the government of new President Amin Gemayel negotiating the withdrawal of all foreign forces — Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian — and then keeping feuding domestic religious and political groups in check.

It is a tough task for a man who became president only because his brother Bashir, elected to the post in August, was assassinated before he could take office.

But Mr. Gemayel's aides believe he will use his decisive trump card — U.S. commitment to the establishment of stability and central government control in Lebanon.

A presidential adviser explained bluntly: "The more help the United States gives Lebanon, the more Lebanon will be able to restore itself."

To strengthen his personal links with the United States, Mr. Gemayel has left for talks with President Reagan after addressing the United Nations.

He will also visit France and Italy, which joined the United States in providing troops for a 4,000-man peacekeeping force now in Beirut.

The United States has played a vital role in the dramatic changes that have swept Lebanon this year.

U.S. special envoy Philip Habib conducted tortuous negotiations that led to the evacuation of about 13,000 Palestinian guerrillas and Syrian troops from west Beirut in August after a two-month Israeli siege.

The evacuation cleared the way for the Lebanese government, its authority weakened by constant war, to resume control of at least part of its own capital for the first time in nearly eight years.

After President-elect Bashir Gemayel was assassinated last month, Beirut stormed by Israeli troops and hundreds of civilians in two Palestinian refugee camps massacred by rightist Lebanese militiamen, U.S. diplomats negotiated a swift Israeli withdrawal.

The U.S. role is not universally

seen as benevolent. Lebanese leftists and Palestinians, for instance, accuse Washington of sponsoring Israel's June invasion of Lebanon in the first place.

Proof of U.S. sincerity

But the new president's aides see the determination with which the United States worked to achieve an Israeli withdrawal from west Beirut as proof of U.S. sincerity in backing the Lebanese government.

Israeli military action and U.S. diplomacy have broken the influence of Syria and the Palestinian commandos in Lebanon.

But so far the Lebanese government has regained control of only a tiny corner of its territory, the 50 square km of west Beirut.

Israeli forces held the south of the country, Syrians and Pal-

estinians the north and east, and right-wing Christian militiamen their lines.

Syria has made some overtures to the United States, releasing nine of its own prisoners to the west.

As with the Palestinian evacuation, the United States is set to play a leading part again in helping Lebanon secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

Mr. Hahil and another senior U.S. envoy, Morris Draper, have toured the region to discuss the issue. Secretary of State George Shultz and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir agreed in Washington to set up a joint working group to discuss proposals for the withdrawals.

U.S. and Lebanese officials have expressed confidence that a settlement can be reached relatively quickly.

Both governments appear to reckon that Syria is willing to withdraw its troops and, if the Syrians do, the thousands of Palestinian commandos operating behind

Oman feels the threat from South Yemen Spending cuts not expected to hamper development effort

By Nicholas Moore
Reuters

SALALAH, Oman — Oman, strategically placed at the southern exit of the oil-bearing gulf, is bolstering its defences against a perceived threat from Soviet and Cuban influence in neighbouring Marxist South Yemen.

British-trained land forces of Sultan Qaboos Bin Said recently held what Omani newspapers billed as their largest routine exercises, staging these in the southern part of the country which adjoins South Yemen.

Security sources said that although there had been some minor frontier incursions in recent years, the border was considered quiet. It has been closed officially to halt a flow of refugees, although the Aden-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman is also seen as likely to infiltrate the frontier if given the chance.

The sources said the government reckons that, helped by judicious spending of oil revenues on development schemes in the southern Dhofar highlands, it has broadly won the allegiance of once-disaffected tribespeople.

In the late 1960s the centuries-old Omani sultanate was gravely threatened by rebellion in Dhofar, a land of steep crags and lush, green valleys and unique in that it is the only part of Arabia touched by the rain-bringing monsoon.

Omani forces crushed the rebellion at the end of 1975, with help from Britain's crack Special Air Service (SAS) regiment and an Iranian contingent. But it was only put down after the present sultan, a 41-year-old graduate of Britain's Sandhurst military academy.

removed his ageing and arch-conservative father from power.

The ousted sultan Said Bin Taimour ruled a nation with fewer than one million people that pumped a rising volume of oil yet possessed only three schools and two hospitals.

Westerners with long experience of Oman say the subsequent transformation has been astonishing, particularly in the south since the proclamation of victory over the insurgents.

Dhofar has been a glittering prize for centuries when it traded in frankincense with ancient Near East civilisations.

With oil revenues from what by gulf standards is a modest output of 300,000 barrels daily — 1/20th of Saudi Arabia's current output — the sultan's government has shunned the grandiose projects that characterise some Middle East nations.

The effort has centred on a road network and provision of home loans, clinics and schools. There were only 10 km of tarmac highway in 1970 against 1,000 km now.

Oman suffered from a high incidence of the eye disease trachoma — as high as 37 per cent, according to recent government figures. The government now says there is none in urban areas and only seven per cent incidence in the interior.

This is cited as evidence of success with village clinics, a flying doctor service in the Dhofar mountains and efforts to encourage the widely-present army to provide civilian medical care.

Where sharks eat chips

Off Salalah's golden, palm-

The sultan is ready to provide some advanced logistics for the planned U.S. rapid deployment force for the Mideast but is reluctant to allow troops to be based in Oman.

There is real fear that an influx of Westerners would provoke unrest among a devout Muslim population unused to permissive Western ideas about attire, sex and alcohol.

For the same reason, resident expatriates say, package tours are unlikely ever to be allowed to descend on Salalah's golden beaches.

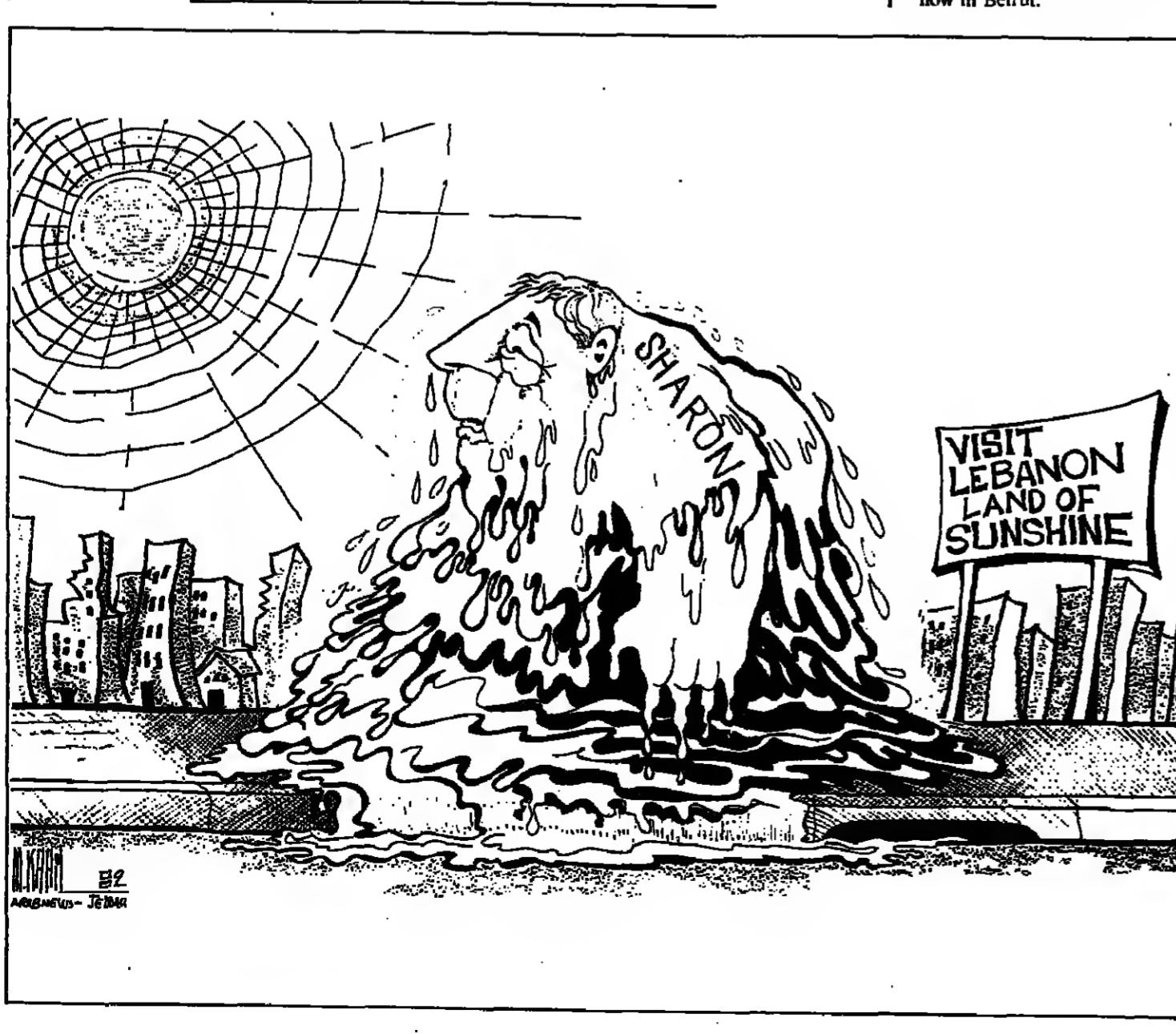
British and other expatriate officers on contract with the Oman armed forces and police are subjected to careful screening to ensure which can work without friction with Omani personnel.

Increasingly, Omani officials are taking over key military and police commands, with expatriates stepping back into advisory or second-in-command roles.

Westerners with knowledge of the people say that, along with oil revenues, the personality of the sultan is probably his chief asset in securing Dhofari allegiance. His mother was born in Dhofar, he spent time in Salalah before assuming power and it was in the royal palace here that he succeeded his father.

Britain denies having had a hand in the coup but it has treaty relations with Oman going back to the early 19th century.

Reliable sources said a small hardcore pocket of the original Dhofar insurgents still make what they termed pinprick attacks, such as placing the occasional mine roads, during the monsoon, which covers the high ground during the period, making low flying difficult for the sultan's air force.



Surging crimes put Houston at the top of American crime centres

By Allen van Cranebroek
Reuters

HOUSTON — This fast-growing city, which claims the title Energy Capital of the World, may be on its way to becoming the crime capital of the United States.

Last year its murder rate was second only to Detroit's among the 20 largest U.S. cities. And last week the Texas department of public safety said the number of reported major crimes in Houston in the first six months of 1982 climbed 17.7 per cent from

the comparable 1981 period, to more than 79,000.

The statewide increase was much smaller at 5.4 per cent, matching the rise in Dallas.

Police and academic experts say economic distress is the main reason for the recent surge in major crimes here, which contrasts with a 2.9 per cent decrease last year.

The U.S. recession came late to Houston, with substantial layoffs boosting unemployment to record levels last spring.

Meanwhile, the city absorbed a continuing influx of people from

other parts of the United States as well as Mexico, "looking for jobs and not being able to find them," Rice University sociologist William Martin said.

Mr. Martin believes the steady flow of people into Houston in response to reports of employment opportunities accounts for the substantially larger increase in major crimes here than in other Texas cities.

He said many of the newly-arrived are cut off from their families and community institutions that might have kept them under

control if they had not left home.

The impact of the economic downturn is reflected in increases of more than 20 per cent in robberies, larceny and car theft. The largest rise, 55 per cent, was in aggravated assault, which, Mr. Martin said, "is likely to happen when people are desperate and frustrated."

Homicides rose by 4.2 per cent to 321 in the first half of this year, and the gain indicates the total for all of 1982 probably will set another record.

Last year Houston's 680 homi-

cides gave it a murder rate of 41 for every 100,000 residents, close behind Detroit's 44, according to a survey by the Houston Chronicle.

In contrast, New York — with a worldwide reputation for crime — had a murder rate of only 26 per 100,000.

Police say a growing number of killings in Houston occur among the city's Mexican population, both as victims and suspects.

Mr. Martin, who served on a committee appointed by the chief of police in 1979 to study the ris-

ing murder rate, said the group found 87 per cent of the increase from the previous year involved Mexicans, many of them recent immigrants.

Saul Tannenbaum, a University of Houston criminologist, said the city's illegal aliens are "profoundly victimised."

He believes the relatively high crime rate may be due partly to Houston's unplanned growth and "frontier" lifestyle, which he said provides extraordinary opportunities for crime.

Other authorities cite defi-

iciencies in public services. Betsy S. Comstock, a Baylor College of Medicine psychiatrist, said she was alarmed by inadequate mental health services.

She said applicants face long waiting lists for treatment, adding that one result of untreated mental illness is an increase in street violence and criminal behaviour.

In addition, Houston's police department has long had a reputation for inefficiency.

A recent survey showed its response time to reports of crime is far slower than in other cities. Fur-

thermore, last year it solved only 11.8 per cent of the major crimes, about one-half the nationwide rate, according to Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics.

Police blame a manpower shortage for the department's low ratings. Mr. Marin agrees: "We don't have anywhere near enough police for our population."

Mayor Kathryn Whitmire has made several moves to correct the situation since her election a year ago — hiring a new police chief away from Atlanta and raising the budget by 20 per cent.

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Pakistan completes clean sweep of three-test series against Australia

LAHORE, Pakistan (R) — Pakistan completed a clean sweep of the three-test cricket series against Australia Tuesday, but triumphant captain Imran Khan predicted they would win the forthcoming Ashes battle against England.

Imran's team, who lost 2-1 to England this year, won the third and final test by nine wickets with three overs to spare on the last day.

The England side, already in Australia for the series, probably took as much pleasure as Pakistan in the thrashing which was only the second time this century Aus-

tralia have lost every game of a rubber. Australia lost all four tests on the 1970 tour of South Africa.

Imran was a gracious winner, finding excuses for the Australians in their lack of preparation because they were playing in their off season and the different conditions in Pakistan.

"We expected a harder fight but I think Australia are a better side than England and will win the Ashes," he told reporters. Imran expected Greg Chappell and Dennis Lillee to be the only changes in Australia's line-up against England.

Imran said Australia, batted

badly and threw away many chances with poor fielding and loose bowling. He picked his leg spinner Abdul Qadir, who took 23 wickets in the series, as the main difference between the sides.

"Australia did not have a genuine wrist spinner like Qadir who is so useful on our wickets," Imran said.

However, in the third test it was Imran himself who led the Pakistani attack. He took four wickets in Australia's first innings and another four Tuesday afternoon.

Australia's bowlers have the unenviable record of not once dismissing Pakistan in the tests.

Kriek forfeits match in Melbourne tourney

MELBOURNE (R) — South African Johan Kriek forfeited his opening round-robin match against American Gene Mayer in the \$400,000 super tennis challenge here Tuesday night.

Kriek, the Australian Open champion, pulled out after trailing 0-5 in the first set.

His default further compounded the troubles of tournament organiser John Brown who has already had to redraft the schedule twice because of the non-arrival of world number two, Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, who missed his plane from Rome.

Brown said Kriek, who stands to earn a minimum of \$25,000

from the tournament, told him he needed a bed, and a doctor had been called to check him.

Lendl is due to arrive Wednesday and will have only a few hours break before playing his first match. He will then have to play two matches the next day.

Meanwhile, Mayer said he had not given a definite reply to U.S. Davis Cup captain Arthur Ashe's request for him to join his team for the final against France in Grenoble from Nov. 26 to 28.

He has not yet pulled out of next month's Australian Open but said he would favour joining the Davis Cup team if he had enough points to allow him to compete in the Grand Prix Masters in New York next January.

In Monday's matches American Jimmy Connors, the reigning Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, cruised to a comfortable straight sets win over his compatriot Eliot Teltscher.

Connors defeated Teltscher 7-6, 6-3 and celebrated his first set victory by downing a cup of champagne donated by a fan.

But they have proved a far from irresistible force escaping their third league defeat in seven matches at the weekend only because of a mishap penalty by opponents Udinese.

Standard Liege, who came close to beating Barcelona in last May's European Cup Winners Cup final, are never easy opponents and underlined their scoring flair with a 4-2 league win over Seraing at the weekend.

Standard, one point behind

Juventus carries Italian banner into European Cup competition

joint leaders Bruges and Beveren in the Belgian league, knocked five goals past Raba Vasas of Hungary in Liege in the last round though they conceded three in the return. They have some advantages Wednesday.

Juventus, who allowed Hvidovre of Denmark a draw in Turin after overwhelming them 4-1 in the away leg, will have to fulfil their true potential to join A.C. Milan (1963) and Inter-Milan (1964/65) on the roll of Italian

European champions.

Certainly they will have to improve on Sunday's goalless draw against Udinese when World Cup hero Paolo Rossi was marked out of the match and substituted 10 minutes from the end.

Fellow striker Roberto Bettega, who missed the World Cup in Spain because of injury, strings a bit but failed to penetrate. Boniek, so incisive for Poland in the World Cup, has shown only rarely for Juventus.

Prize money for European golf circuit to be increased

LONDON (R) — Prize money on the 1983 European professional golf circuit will rise to a record £2.5 million (\$4.25 million), an increase of about £300,000

£500,000 on this year, predicts tour secretary Ken Schofield.

Not all the individual purses for the 31-week competitive season

have been disclosed, but Schofield said "that fewer than five tournaments will not show a rise on the current year."

"Our target for 1983 has been a general 15 per cent prize money increase and fortunately we are in a period when the ball is running well," Schofield said.

NFLPA guilty of bad timing in calling a strike in September

NEW YORK (R) — Last week 4,058 people waited in line for eight hours in the Long Island suburb of Hempstead to apply for 296 jobs ranging from dishwasher to hotel desk clerk.

Like most Americans, those hopeful would have difficulty empathising with the nation's 1,372 professional football (Gridiron) players, whose strike has attracted more media attention and debate than last month's national rail walkout.

With the unemployment rate at its highest since the great depression in the 1930s, and an estimated 10 million people out of work, the general feeling is that the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) was guilty of bad timing in calling a strike on Sept. 20.

Locked in the grip of both inflation and recession, it is understandably difficult for most Americans to feel sympathetic towards athletes who average about \$100,000 a year for four months work.

The strike, the first in the 63-year history of the NFL, has created a huge void on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings when games are nationally televised. It has also resulted in massive financial losses on a variety of fronts.

For example, last Sunday losses were estimated at \$70 million. The 28 clubowners estimate they

lost \$39 million in revenue, while the players sustained salary losses of approximately \$9 million.

Additionally, about \$2 million were lost in taxes, rentals and ancillary revenues such as parking fees.

Beyond that, millions more were lost by stadium employees, restaurants, bars, hotels and the airlines which charter planes at an average cost of \$40,000 to transport NFL teams.

The stadium employees, whose pay ranges from \$15-100 per game, were hit hard. Many are part-timers, some are retired and depend heavily on the extra income.

The nation's bookmakers are also unhappy since an estimated \$200 million is wagered on pro football each weekend, most of it illegally.

In an effort to fill the void, NBC is televising Canadian football while CBS is broadcasting college games.

Network spokesmen say there has been no wholesale dropout of sponsors, but, because of far smaller audiences, sponsor fees are reported to have been sharply reduced.

Some believe the players' union made a tactical mistake in striking only two weeks into the 16-week season. Players are paid on a percentage basis so the average player has received only about \$12,000.

If the remaining games are can-

celled, only a handful of stars will have earned enough to tide them over until next year.

Also, by calling the early strike, the union has run the risk that football may not be missed as much as it would in mid-season. At present, most of the nation's interest was focussed on the pennant games in major league baseball. And that interest intensifies during the baseball playoffs and the World Series.

Though their careers are usually short and the violent nature of football makes them prone to injury, most pro football players earn far less than baseball or basketball players. The strike is intended to correct that inequity.

Under the existing structure, clubowners share in the gate receipts and television revenues. During negotiations the NFLPA had demanded 55 per cent of the owners' gross revenues and the right to disburse that money to the players in a projected wage scale based on both seniority and performance.

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A number of veterans, though

they have gone on strike, oppose the wage scale scheme and other players, particularly highly-paid stars.

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In the meantime, the players association has said it will launch a 19-game schedule, to be televised by the Turner broadcasting system, involving all-star teams made up of the strikers. However, the clubowners have said they will go to court to stop the games being played.

Aware that the strike has not aroused any public sympathy, spokesmen for the players association have pointed out that while they are well-paid (some players earn as much as \$350,000 a year), the average NFL player's career lasts only four years.

But even that has failed to move much sentiment.

"How can we feel sorry for them, they make more in a week than some of us in a year," said Paul Doyan, one of a group of New England Patriots' fans who attended a pre-match party outside the team's stadium last Sunday though the game was off.

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Sri Lankan government expresses disapproval of rebel's cricket tour

COLOMBO (R) — The Sri Lankan government have expressed their strong disapproval of a rebel Sri Lankan cricket team reported en route to play in South Africa.

The 14-Sri Lankan cricketers defied a government ban and slipped out of the country last Sunday for Hong Kong on their way to South Africa.

The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Hameed said in a statement: "If the Sri Lankan cricketers should play in South Africa, they will not be doing so as national team representing Sri Lanka."

Mr. Hameed reiterated his government's opposition to apartheid and its commitment to Commonwealth and United Nations agreements regarding contacts with South Africa.

The foreign minister said the Sri Lankan Cricket Control Board had taken "every possible step to dissuade the cricketers from undertaking the tour."

"The board had impressed on

them the damage that could be caused to the good name of Sri Lanka in international sport if they played in South Africa and had also warned them of disciplinary action that would be taken against them," he said.

Cricket Control Board Secretary Nuski Mohamed told Reuters Monday the rebel cricketers could be banned from representing Sri Lanka in test cricket.

He said the board would meet in an emergency session on Friday to consider action against them.

The team is led by Bandula Warnapura, who captained Sri Lanka in the inaugural test against England last February and in later tours to Pakistan and India. He was dropped when the Sri Lankan team was selected for a tour of Zimbabwe and Zambia starting later this month.

The South African authorities were reported to have offered the players fees ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000 for the tour.

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Alfa Romeo to continue in Formula One racing

ARESE, Italy (R) — Alfa Romeo announced they would continue to compete in Formula One racing next season but were handing over management of the team to an outside concern.

The team will be called Euroracing-Alfa Romeo, the firm said in a statement after a month-long review of their future participation in Formula One.

From now on the Alfa racing subsidiary Autodelta will supply their new turbo-charged engine and other parts to Euroracing, which also runs a Formula Three

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Share prices soar in N.Y., London

NEW YORK (R) — Share prices soared in New York and London Monday, reflecting growing optimism among investors that U.S. interest rates will continue to fall.

A strong opening on Wall Street, where prices went on to hit an 18-month high — helped the London market record.

The main indicator there, the Financial Times index of 30 leading shares, finished at 620.4 points, a rise of 16.5 on Friday's close. The previous high, of 606.1, was recorded just over a week ago.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average went on to close 26.12 points up at 1,019.22, the highest level since 1,024.05 on April 27 last year.

The Dow had finished above 1,000 last Monday for the first time in 15 months, but profit-taking knocked it back into the 900s on Thursday and Friday.

Wall Street traded 83.79 million shares — a low figure compared with the 100-million sessions of recent weeks — and analyst Michael Metz of Oppenheimer and Company warned that volume made the rally suspicious because it indicated many investors were holding back.

"I think the sellers are waiting to see if the market reaches new highs before offering their stock.

Caterpillar loses \$28.1m

PEORIA, Illinois (R) — Caterpillar Tractor, maker of earthmoving and construction equipment, said Monday it lost \$28.1 million in the third quarter of the year.

The company said it expected even worse figures in the final quarter.

It blamed a steep decline in sales on the world recession and the strength of the dollar, and said the loss contrasted sharply with the profit of \$174.3 million in the same period of last year.

Sales were down to \$1.70 bil-

lion from \$2.46 billion.

The company said profits for the nine months dipped to \$24.1 million from \$47.6 million.

The Milwaukee-based Allis-Chalmers also reported that its sales were savaged by the recession. It lost \$63.5 million in the quarter, against a profit of \$7.9 million a year ago.

For the first nine months, Allis-Chalmers lost \$76.7 million compared with a profit of \$17.3 million last year. It also was gloomy about prospects for the fourth quarter.

Braniff, Pacific sign accord

DALLAS (R) — The bankrupt Braniff International Airline signed an agreement Monday to enable another airline to use its grounded planes, unemployed staff and facilities.

The deal with Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) will have to be approved by the bankruptcy courts, Braniff's creditors, trade unions and the federal aviation administration.

A Braniff spokesman said the venture might provide jobs for about 1,500 of the 9,000 Braniff staff who were thrown out of work in May when the airline filed a bankruptcy petition for its reorganisation.

It might also use 25 to 30 of Braniff's Boeing 727 airliners which have been grounded at Dallas-Fort Worth airport since it ceased operations.

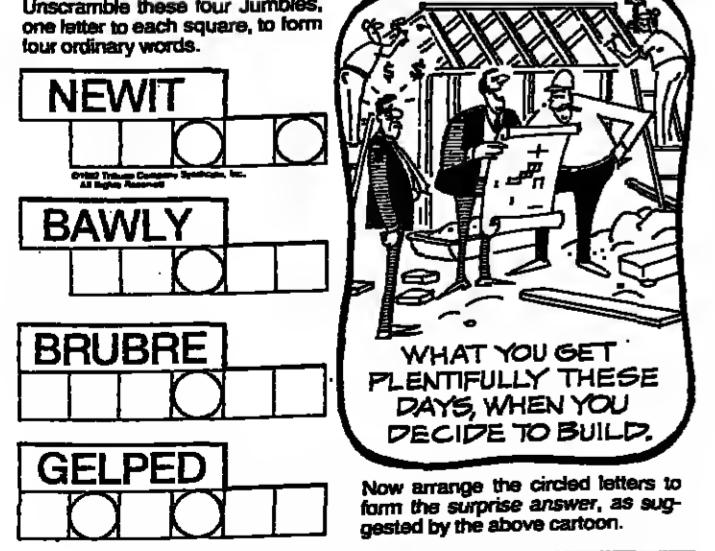
Braniff would provide PSA with facilities at various U.S. airports, the spokesman added.

PSA operates mainly within California with some flights to adjoining states and Mexico. Braniff had a large U.S. network and numerous international flights, mostly to South America.

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W. Germany objects to EEC steel offer

BRUSSELS (R) — New problems arose Tuesday between West Germany and its European Community partners as they tried to agree on a last-minute offer to the United States for cuts in steel exports.

West Germany objected to what it considered were tougher proposals from the European Commission for restrictions on its steel tube and pipe sales.

"There's a deadlock," one West German diplomat said. "The latest proposals are unacceptable to us and further negotiations are going to be necessary."

The European Commission had hoped to have final details of a draft settlement worked out Tuesday, subject to approval from the Bonn government at a cabinet meeting Wednesday.

But after hours of negotiations between ambassadors from the 10 Common Market countries in Brussels late Monday night and this morning, diplomats said this had still not proved possible.

West Germany had anyway made clear that it could not agree one way or the other on the steel export curbs before a cabinet meeting in Bonn Wednesday to discuss

the matter.

But diplomats said the latest point of disagreement, over new phrasing by the European Commission on proposed limits on steel tube and pipe exports to the United States, could prevent even a draft settlement being drawn up.

The nine other Community governments want to reach a settlement with the United States by Thursday to avoid severe anti-subsidy and dumping duties by Washington.

American steel makers have rejected an agreement negotiated between the U.S. administration

and the European Commission last summer, saying they could not agree to an import limitation scheme that did not cover tubes and pipes.

They have demanded inclusion of tubes and pipes in addition to sales limits on other steel products as a condition for dropping legal suits against West European firms alleging unfair subsidies and dumping.

The European Commission has proposed limiting tube and pipe exports to 5.9 per cent of the U.S. market, the average attained between 1979 and 1981.

France dismisses plans to use gold reserves

PARIS (R) — Government officials said Tuesday France was determined to defend the franc but they dismissed reports that there were plans to use French gold reserves, a step that could have explosive political repercussions.

The officials were commenting on recent press and market reports on measures the socialist government might use to fend off a further attack on the currency after news that France is heading for a record trade deficit this year.

Possible measures mentioned have included stricter exchange controls, withdrawal from the European Monetary System (EMS) and a two-tier rate of exchange.

Newspapers Tuesday quoted an official as saying the government was now prepared to sell or pledge as a guarantee against borrowing some of the country's 3,185 tons of gold, built up by the late president De Gaulle 20 years ago and a symbol of national prestige for many Frenchmen.

Mr. Michel Camdessus, director of the treasury, told reporters: "nobody has ever asked France to pledge its gold. There is no reason to sell it even at a time of pressure on the franc."

Mr. Camdessus said that the franc, which has twice been devalued over the past year, was not now undergoing a crisis. He said international procedures would be enough to deal with any new attack on the currency.

A spokesman for the finance ministry said: "We are ready to defend the franc by all means." But he declined to indicate whether gold sales could be among them.

Dealers said the new reports of possible gold sales had little apparent effect Tuesday on the

French currency which has remained relatively stable since the government launched a \$4 billion credit last month.

It rose fractionally after opening Tuesday to be fixed at 2.8225 to the West German mark, just above the middle level of 2.8340, to which it is pegged in the EMS, which links major European currencies except sterling.

The franc gained slightly against the dollar and was fixed at 7.0975 after opening trading at 7.1280.

The Bank of France has intervened heavily in the foreign exchange markets over recent weeks to hold the franc steady.

Mr. Camdessus said only technical formalities remained to be completed before the signature of the 10-year standby credit and he pointed out that France was free to decide whether or not to draw on it.

Economists say that despite the government's commitment to defend the currency, the franc is likely to be forced downwards over coming weeks because of the continuing poor performance of the economy and scepticism over government strategy.

They are doubtful that the government will achieve its aim of bringing inflation down to an annual 10 per cent this year from 14 per cent last year through an austerity drive which has included a four-month wage and price freeze.

President Francois Mitterrand ordered the switch from expansionary policies to austerity in June at the time of the second devaluation. The freeze ends on Oct. 31.

Mr. Nixon said the wheat board's right to import wheat would be conditional both on his permission for each shipment and on compliance with Australia's strict quarantine regulations.

CANBERRA (R) — Australia, one of the world's major grain exporters, is to allow wheat to be imported if necessary because of the prolonged drought. Primary Industry Minister Peter Nixon said Tuesday.

He told parliament that the cabinet agreed to such a request from the Australian Wheat Board Tuesday and the necessary legislation would be presented to parliament in the next few weeks. Existing laws prevent wheat imports.

The drought now gripping most of eastern Australia has halved wheat production prospects this year. Overall output is now expected to be less than 8.0 million tonnes compared with 16.4 million tonnes last year.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed mixed with a firmer bias after initial markups following Monday's sharp gains on Wall Street had been eroded by profit taking, dealers said.

Prices moved strongly ahead at the outset, but this led to profit taking, they said. The market moved lower but the slide was arrested by a firm Wall Street opening this afternoon, they added. The F.T. index at 1500 Tuesday was up 6.2 points at 26.6 after a high of 624.8 at 1000 and a low of 621.6 at 1200.

U.S. shares moved sharply ahead in line with Wall Street with IBM rising 325p to 5,588, dealers said.

Government bonds finished with gains of up to a point at the longer end, boosted by news of the exhaustion of the treasury 9 1/2 per cent 1988 "tap" stock, dealers said. Prices were around 1% point off the top by the official close in anticipation of the fresh tap stock announced by the government broker.

In leading equities, Beecham was down 6p at 380p after a high of 393 and a low of 376, while BP rose 8p to 336. Thorn EMI was firm, rising 12p to 415, dealers noted.

Among companies with results Tuesday Brooke Bond was up 3 1/2p to 61 1/2 following annual figures.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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| | 2.5170/80 | West German marks |
| | 2.7470/80 | Dutch guilders |
| | 2.1540/55 | Swiss francs |
| 48.84/86 | Belgian francs | |
| 7.1065/95 | French francs | |
| 1438.50/1439.50 | Italian lire | |
| 268.80/95 | Japanese yen | |
| 7.3365/85 | Swedish crowns | |
| 7.1555/75 | Norwegian crowns | |
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Seoul ends secrecy about MiG pilot's identity Taiwan wants to take charge of Chinese pilot

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan's embassy in Seoul has started intensive negotiations with the South Korean authorities for a defecting Chinese air force pilot to be sent here, the *Tai Hua* evening news reported Tuesday.

The newspaper's correspondent in Seoul reported that the pilot wanted to go to Taiwan and it was expected that the South Koreans would respect his wish.

South Korea's ministry of defense said the pilot, who landed his MiG-19 fighter at an airbase near Seoul on Saturday, had asked for political asylum in another country. It did not name the country. Virtually all other Taiwanese news reports from Seoul also said

the defector had told Korean authorities he wished to go to Taiwan, but they gave no source for the information.

Taiwanese papers named the pilot as Capt. Wu Yin-Ken. Monday, official sources in Taipei identified him as Capt. Wu Jung-Chien.

News reports in Taipei said Capt. Wu had intended to fly to Taiwan but had to land in South Korea because of limited fuel.

A senior foreign ministry official said: "We will do everything possible through diplomatic channels to get him here if Taiwan is his choice."

'No need to bring back military draft in U.S.'

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. armed services are recruiting enough well-qualified volunteers for there to be no need to bring back the military draft abolished in 1973. A military manpower task force has told President Reagan.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said after conferring with the president that the manpower situation is "a very happy one." "We see no reason for a draft," he added.

He told reporters at the White House that the recession was one reason why so many young Americans are volunteering for military service, "but the main factor is that it is an honour to wear a uniform again."

R. Catholic church warns Manila about persecution

MANILA (R) — The Philippines' leading Roman Catholic churchman Tuesday said there could be a revolution unless priests were allowed to speak out on behalf of ordinary people, many of whom lived in poor parishes.

"No layman is ready to speak out right now," he said. "If you are a layman now, you will land in the stockade. So the priest takes over. If nobody releases the feelings of the people, there will be a revolution," he said.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, archbishop of Manila, was commenting in an interview with Reuters on a series of incidents involving radical priests and security authorities.

One priest, Father Zacarias Agape, was killed last week by military forces who alleged he had joined Communist guerrillas in the northern Philippines.

A Filipino priest running a "social action" centre in the central island of Samar was detained the day before, and an Australian priest was arrested in Negros Island Monday on charges of possessing explosives and inciting rebellion.

GOREN BRIDGE

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ J1076
♦ 7
♦ Q82
♦ AK943
WEST
♦ 8
♦ 643
♦ AKJ976543
♦ Void
♦ QJ1075
SOUTH
South West North East
1 ♦ 5 ♦ Dble Pasa
6 ♦ Pasa Pasa Pasa
Opening lead: Three of ♦.

Most tournament hands are computer dealt, which has led to a common complaint from players. They claim that computers produce weird distributions. To a certain extent, they might be correct. The deals are "different" from those dealt by hand, but only because they are truly random when hand-dealt ones aren't, and they are nearer the theoretical percentages.

In the recent Vanderbilt Knockout Team Championship, which the ACBL in its wisdom scheduled for Niagara Falls last March, the boards were dealt by hand. This is one of those hands

and it is far wilder than anything we have seen produced by a computer. North-South were the veteran North American internationalists Edgar Kaplan of New York and Norman Kay of Philadelphia. East and West respectively were Ron Von der Porten and Kyle Larsen of San Francisco, one of the country's premier partnerships.

With a nine, an eight- and a seven-card suit at the table, the bidding reached the high plateau in short time. Not surprisingly, Kay did not relish the prospect of defending five diamonds doubled, and his six aces was a reasonable shot.

Larsen led the three of hearts. Von der Porten rose with the act to kill the king. Obviously, West had to have a very long diamond suit to leap to the five-level vulnerable, and that was confirmed by the fact that he did not lead his own suit — it had to be too long to lead. If West did indeed have a nine-card suit, twelve of his cards were known, for he was marked with three hearts.

Was West's remaining card a spade or a club? If it was a club, Von der Porten saw little chance to defeat the contract. So at trick two he shifted to a club. West ruffed for a very satisfying result.

At the other table Sidney Lazard of New Orleans became declarer at six clubs. That contract was unbeatable.

By Gilbert Sedbon

Reuters

PARIS — The French parliament will debate a controversial government draft law on Tuesday which would rehabilitate army officers and government officials who took part in the 1961 Algiers rebellion, which threatened to plunge France into civil war.

The draft law, which would allow the former officers to be reintegrated in the armed forces' reserve and restore their pension rights as well as those of former government officials, has reawakened memories of one of the country's most critical periods in recent history.

First signs of a rift among Socialist members of parliament appeared last week. And Communist members, whose party shares in the ruling coalition, have indicated they will vote against or abstain if amendments they plan to introduce fail to go through.

Gen. Raoul Salan, aged 85, and Gen. Edmond Jouhaud, aged 77,

Irish polls start today

BELFAST (R) — A fresh burst of guerrilla violence has brought a climate of fear to Northern Ireland ahead of elections Wednesday to launch a new British government peace plan for the troubled province.

Two attempted murders Monday prompted police warnings that candidates and voters alike might be in danger, and provided the million-strong electorate with a stark reminder of their political and sectarian problems.

The campaign has produced stiff contests for leadership within the opposing Catholic and Protestant communities and no strong drive to bridge the divide between the two.

The peace plan, the seventh in a decade, as a first step requires the election of a 78-member assembly which would try to create a new local government acceptable to both communities.

Police fear more violence may be planned to coincide with the election and have cancelled all leave. They have also stepped up security around leading candidates.

Aggressive Sikh faction fuels Punjab tensions

NEW DELHI (R) — Violence in the holy city of Amritsar has cast a new shadow over efforts to defuse tensions in the troubled North Indian state of Punjab, where Sikhs are demanding greater autonomy.

One Sikh protester was killed Monday when police fired on a crowd engaged in looting and arson near the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine.

The violence is part of a campaign begun last August by the Sikh regional party, the Akali Dal, to press for the formal declaration of Amritsar as a holy city and for greater autonomy for Punjab, home of most of India's 11 million Sikhs.

An estimated 25,000 Sikhs have been jailed since the campaign began. Under an historic form of Indian protest, the demonstrators continue to arrest by defying official bans on meeting and marches.

Most demonstrators were freed on Sunday and Monday after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi suggested that the state government release them to defuse tension and resume a dialogue on the Sikh demands.

AKali leaders were reported to be assembling in Amritsar to decide their next move.

The Indian Express newspaper said in an editorial Tuesday: "The Akali leadership must make up its mind about what it wants and where it stands if it is to carry conviction not merely to its own ranks but to Indians whose main anxiety is to see an early and honourable settlement in Punjab."

Argentine air force blames army, navy for losing war

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina's air force has criticised the performance of the army and navy in the Falkland Islands.

It was the latest round in a growing row between the three armed services over which of the forces was responsible for Argentina's defeat in the struggle for possession of the South Atlantic archipelago.

A special edition of the official air force magazine *Aerospatio* accused the army and navy of not giving air force fighter-bombers adequate surface support in the three-month war.

The magazine complained that the air force suffered from a lack of information which the army and navy were in a position to provide.

Aerospatio defended the air force's own combat performance, saying that its fighter-bombers sank six British ships and shot down 14 fixed-wing aircraft and seven helicopters, not including further probable but unconfirmed kills.

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In an implicit criticism of the performance of navy and army shore batteries, *Aerospatio* asked why British ships were able to sail between the Falkland Islands with immunity from surface attack.

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